



Nebraska Judicial Profile 2010

Honorable Wadie Thomas, Jr.

Judgeship

1995 – present

Judge of the Separate Juvenile Court, Douglas County

2010

Douglas County Family Recovery Drug Court

Omaha Model Court, Lead Judge

Experience

1980 - 1995

Omaha, NE

Private practice of law

Education

Advanced Evidence, National Judicial College, 1996

Creighton University School of Law, 1980

Juris Doctorate

Alabama State University, 1977

Bachelor of Arts

Judicial/Law Related Activities

Professional Affiliations

Nebraska State Bar Association

Nebraska State Bar Foundation

Midlands Bar Association

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Hearing Examiner for Nebraska EEOC

State Employee Appeals, arbitrator

Nebraska Supreme Court Committees

Nebraska Commission on Judicial Qualifications, 2000 - present

Interpreter Advisory Committee, Juvenile Court representative

Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, Lead Judge 4th district, 2006

Judicial Ethics Committee, prior member

Nebraska Separate Juvenile Judges Association

Committee on Diversity for the National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges

Community Activities

National Adoption Saturday Omaha, founding judge, 2000
National Adoption Day, chairman
Mock Trials, former regional coordinator

Honors and Awards

Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow

Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow selection is based on the integrity and character of the lawyer/judge. Fellows are accredited by colleagues as leaders of the legal profession who contribute to charitable works and community education. Membership recognizes established legal professionals dedicated to improving the administration of justice

2003 Nebraska Supreme Court Outstanding Judge, for service to the Community. Outstanding Judge is the highest honor given by the Chief Justice to recognize members of the judiciary for meritorious projects and exemplary accomplishments that enhance the vision of justice within Nebraska communities

Legal Aid Society Certificate of Recognition, for legal services to the indigent, 1987

Outstanding Young Man of America, for community service, 1983

Teaching & Publishing

Presenter/teacher/faculty team host of a project of a traveling institute created through the Federal Violence Against Women Act

Trainer, “Cultural Competency Training”

Trainer, “Disproportionate Confinement of Minorities & Domestic Violence” with National Council of Juvenile & Family Court

Lead Judge/Team Leader, National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges’ demonstrations

Coordinator, the Graduated Sanctions Collaborative Team

Speaker, on “Cultural Competence,” at the Judicial Branch Education Meeting for Clerk Magistrates, 2009